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SUPERNUMERARY HAIR CELLS AND DEITER'S CELLS
IN THE DEVELOPING ORGAN OF CORTI**
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, the response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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